Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (once amended) [A]In a method of administering a gravity segregating dispersion to a subject by continuous infusion, [wherein said dispersion is controllably delivered]the improvement comprising controllably delivering said dispersion from an upper or lower extremity of an essentially vertically positioned delivery vessel and thereafter [is admixed]admixing with a flushing medium prior to administration to the subject.

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (once amended) [A]The method [as claimed in]of claim 1 wherein said delivery vessel comprises a syringe.

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (once amended) [A]The method [as claimed in]of claim 2 wherein delivery of said dispersion from said syringe is controlled by a syringe driver.

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4. (once amended) [A]The method [as claimed in any of the preceding claims]of claim 1 wherein said dispersion is a gas-containing contrast agent.

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (once amended) [A]The method [as claimed in]of claim 4 wherein said gas comprises sulphur hexafluoride or a perfluorinated low molecular weight hydrocarbon.

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

6. (once amended) [A]The method [as claimed in]of claim 5 wherein said perfluorinated hydrocarbon is perfluoropropane or perfluorobutane.

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (once amended) [A]The method [as claimed in any of claims 4 to 6]of claim 4 wherein said gas is present as albumin-stabilised microbubbles.

Please amend claim 8 as follows:

8. (once amended) [A]The method [as claimed in any of claims 4 to 6]of claim 4 wherein said gas is present as phospholipid-stabilised microbubbles.

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

9. (once amended) [A]The method [as claimed in]of claim 8 wherein said phospholipid predominantly comprises phosphatidylserine.

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

10. (once amended) [A]The method [as claimed in any of claims 4 to 9]of claim 4 wherein the delivery vessel comprises a syringe positioned for upward delivery of said contrast agent.

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

11. (once amended) [A]The method [as claimed in any of the preceding claims]of claim 1 wherein said flushing medium is normal saline.

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

12. (once amended) [A]The method [as claimed in any of the preceding claims]of claim 1 wherein the admixed dispersion and flushing medium are administered by injection.

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

13. (once amended) [Apparatus]An apparatus for use in administration of a gravity segregating dispersion by continuous infusion, said apparatus comprising:

(i) a delivery device adapted to receive a dispersion-containing delivery vessel in an essentially vertical position and controllably to expel dispersion from an upper or lower extremity of said vessel;

(ii) mixing means adapted to effect admixture of said expelled dispersion with a flushing medium; and

(iii) conduit means adapted to conduct said admixed dispersion and flushing medium to an administration device.

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

14. (once amended) [Apparatus as claimed in]The apparatus of claim 13 wherein said delivery device is a syringe driver adapted to receive an essentially vertically positioned syringe.

Please amend claim 15 as follows:

15. (once amended) [Apparatus as claimed in claim 13 or claim 14]The apparatus of claim 13 wherein said mixing means comprise a three way connector or tap

adapted to connect said delivery vessel and a source of flushing medium to said conduit means.

Please amend claim 16 as follows:

16. (once amended) [Apparatus as claimed in any of claims 13 to 15]The apparatus of claim 13 which further comprises flow rate controlling means for controlling the rate of flow of said flushing medium.

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

17. (once amended) [Apparatus as claimed in any of claims 13 to 16]The apparatus of claim 13 which further comprises means for inverting the position of said delivery vessel.

Remarks

Applicants have amended the specification to cross reference the parent application which is a PCT application designating the United States. Applicants have also amended the specification to add the required headings and move the text to be in the required order.

Applicants have cancelled claim 18, without prejudice. Applicants have amended claims 1-17 to more fully conform with U.S. practice. A version of the claims marked up